

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
June 6, 2022**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Canty, Grasse, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Bertucci

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Nimesh Thakker

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class N (r) liquor license to Arlington Hotels, LLC dba Sonesta Select Arlington Height North located at 3700 N. Wilke Road.

The Mayor swore in Nimesh Thakker, one of the owners.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this is an ownership change. A background check was completed in April 2022 on the owners, Nimesh Thakkar and Jignesh Thakkar, and no issues were noted.

A walk through was completed in May and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. Ms. Mikula stated that the beer and wine is located in the convenience area and is in locked cabinets that can only be opened by an employee. Neither of the new owners have any liquor violations however, there have been liquor violations at the address itself. Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that upon a satisfactory interview, staff recommends the issuance of a Class N (r) liquor license to Arlington Hotels, LLC dba Sonesta Select Arlington Height North.

The Mayor asked the applicant if any of the staff is still employed that was a part of the 2019 liquor violation. Mr. Thakker said that no staff related to that violation was still employed at the property. Bassett training was discussed and Mr. Thakker said that he is certified and upon receipt of a liquor license, the other 4 staff that will serve alcohol will complete training. He stated he plans to do a group training.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Thakker for choosing Arlington Heights. Discussion ensued regarding the liquor laws within the Village and responsibility of holding a license. Trustees asked Mr. Thakker how large groups will be handled and storage of alcohol. Mr. Thakker stated that only one item at a time is sold to each individual that is a registered guest with identification. In regards to storage, additional storage is in a cage and the cage has a lock. Mr. Thakker stated the rooms do have a dry bar and also stated that snack items are sold.

Trustee Baldino stated that the Village Board takes the liquor licenses very serious and asked Mr. Thakker about not showing up for the originally scheduled interview. Mr. Thakker apologized to the Board for missing the meeting and stated there was an emergency he

needed to tend to and that he tried to call after hours but was not able to reach anyone. Trustee Schwingbeck stated he was not comfortable with the process of buying alcohol and bringing it up to the room as there is no way to know the age of individuals that may then be in the hotel room. Trustee Scaletta asked how parties are prevented. Mr. Thakker stated that they walk the halls during the evenings and monitor the noise levels. They also have cameras that are overseen by the Front Desk. Weddings or gatherings were discussed and Mr. Thakker stated that food and drink would need to be catered. It would not be supplied by the hotel.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class N (r) liquor license to Arlington Heights, LLC dba Sonesta Select Arlington Heights North located at 3700 N. Wilke Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes

1 Nays (Trustee Schwingbeck)

The motion passed.

B. OTHER BUSINESS – None

C. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Baldino moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.